

February 2024



LOVE INC OF SOUTH WOOD COUNTY - HELPING CHURCHES HELP PEOPLE

## *Love Story - God's Perfect Timing*

Our Intake Specialists and our Client Care Coordinators are the initial contacts for new clients. Often times after talking with them, the Intake Specialist or coordinator may sense that the individual might want additional emotional support or just a listening ear. If they say yes, one of our Careline volunteers would contact them to see how they are doing, listen compassionately, pray and encourage them. During any of their conversations, if another need surfaces, the Careline volunteer would refer them back to the Connection Center for additional services. Often times, during conversations, we hear evidence of God's faithfulness and His perfect timing.

An example of a time when this was evident was when an individual was receiving Careline calls weekly. She explained to the volunteer that she had been trying to get in to see a medical specialist for over a month. While on the call, the client heard a call waiting beep in her ear. She had just finished praying about a particular doctor. "Hold on," she said, "I think it's the clinic." After a few minutes, she came back on the line reporting that she now had an appointment with the specialist! A prayer of thanksgiving followed. Other times a lift chair, a hospital bed, and dishes have been donated right when needed most. We thank God for His never ending faithfulness!

Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



Careline volunteers, Cheryl & Karen

## **Backpack Ministry**

One of our Gap Ministries at Love INC of South Wood County is called "Backpack Ministry." This ministry offers a backpack, full of snacks, personal care items, and encouragement to those leaving the Wood or Adams County Jail, or Aspirus Hospital. Our goal is for each backpack to be a tangible item offering hope for the future and showing individuals they are loved, cared for, and supported.

We ask that you please consider donating backpacks and/or items for the backpacks so we may continue giving hope for the future to those receiving them.



For a full list of needed items or to make a monetary donation, please follow this link.

[CLICK HERE](#)

**PLEASE  
CONSIDER  
DONATING**

2024



Love INC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit affiliate so your donations are tax-deductible as the law allows.

### **Donation Item Drop Off:**

Love INC of SWC Office  
710 20th Ave S, Wis Rapids  
715-424-LOVE (5683)



## *A message from our Executive Director, Pastor Eric Hambrock*

As I sit at my desk and reminisce about things accomplished in 2023, I realize January of 2024 has started off at 100 miles per hour. The past 8 months have gone by so fast that I am just now taking inventory, and it's February!

Since I have been blessed to be Executive Director, I have met wonderful volunteers and seen the "Love It Again" thrift store open. I have watched God change lives through Transformational Ministry Classes. I have felt the hope that came through the Christmas Store, Household Items Ministry, and the Moving Ministry. I am excited to report the expansion of our Backpack Ministry to Aspirus Hospital and the Adams County Jail.

Wow! That's a lot. And there are things I didn't mention! Humbly I ask, let God stir your heart and join in serving in the mission. There is a need for people who can do light maintenance, transport clients to appointments, data entry, yard work, childcare for Life Skills classes and much, much more.

Remember, these deeds we do are designed to show our neighbors "Love In the Name of Christ" and open the opportunity to ask them, "Can I pray with you?" My friends, that is something you want to be a part of.



Love it Again Thrift Store is kicking off a Valentine's Day promotion on January 31st through February 10th. Stop in to put your name in the drawing to win (1 of 4) \$10 gift cards that will be given away. No need to be present to win when the drawing takes place on February 10th. Gift cards will also be available to purchase for your Valentine's Day gift giving.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Love In the Name of Christ invites you to

# SPRING Into Fashion 2024

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SAT., APRIL 20, 2024**  
**10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

This event will be held at:  
**Love INC of SWC**  
710 20th Avenue S  
Wisconsin Rapids

Watch Facebook and upcoming newsletters for additional information, ticket pricing, and purchasing options.

# harmony & laughter

**SAVE THE DATE**

**GOLD CITY**  
A GOSPEL MUSIC HALL OF FAME ARTIST

**GOLD CITY**  
is an American southern gospel quartet based in Gadsden, Alabama and is one of the most awarded quartets in Christian Music.

**MICKEY BELL**  
is quickly becoming one of the most sought after entertainers with his quick wit and his ability to entertain crowds of all ages.

**COMEDIAN**

**PRESENTED BY: LOVE INC OF SOUTH WOOD COUNTY**  
**june 19, 2024**

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM  
**PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**  
1801 16TH ST S  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI 54494

**TICKET INFORMATION**  
WATCH FOR UPCOMING  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## FAITH & FINANCES®

### FAITH & FINANCES **ALLY TRAINING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024**

**6:00-8:00 PM**

**LOVE INC OF SWC**

710 20th Ave S.  
Wisconsin Rapids

## **JOIN OUR TEAM!**

### **Become a Faith & Finances Ally**

Allies walk alongside people participating in Faith & Finances, joining them on their journey.

A team of Allies works with each participant, providing encouragement, advocacy, and supportive friendship. Along the way, Allies learn just as much—or more—from participants as they come together to discover God's design for their money.

### **We need willing volunteers to...**

- Attend and participate in a Faith & Finances financial education ministry
- Regularly pray, eat, and spend time with participants
- Assist participants with setting savings goals, reviewing budgets, discussing purchases, etc.
- Follow up with participants during and after Faith & Finances, providing encouragement and accountability in reaching their goals
- Commit to being an Ally for at least one year, building relationships with participants and meeting with them regularly

### **Are you...**

- A follower of Jesus Christ
- Willing to be vulnerable about your own life and to listen to and pray with others
- Passionate about seeing low-income people grow spiritually and economically
- A learner, servant, and encourager
- Able to spend time walking patiently with someone through ups and downs
- Experienced in applying Biblical stewardship principles in your personal finances

If you are interested in becoming a Faith & Finances Ally,  
please contact us at 715-424-LOVE (5683)





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**NEW HOPE**

LIFE SKILLS CLASSES

**FAITH &  
FINANCES®**

# Do You Know God's Purpose for Your Money?

**Come discover it with us through Faith & Finances—  
a financial education ministry for people who:**

- Are just starting out learning how to manage money
- Don't have a lot of extra money to spare
- Desire to overcome financial obstacles
- Want to save more and pay off debt

## **SOUND LIKE YOU?**

**Come join us for an 8-week Faith & Finances ministry**

as we discover God's design for our money!

Along the way, we'll laugh, eat together, and learn from one another.

**JOIN US ON THURSDAYS, APRIL 4th—MAY 23rd, 6:00—8:00 PM**

Christian Life Fellowship, 600 7th Street, Port Edwards

Need Childcare? Need a ride? Talk to us!

**PLEASE SIGN UP BY MARCH 25th**

Call 715-424-LOVE (5683)